

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-59 (CANCELLED)

60. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for obtaining credit for a customer comprising the steps of:

obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer who is expected to arrive at a particular location of a sponsoring organization,

in which the customer has not solicited the line of credit;

then offering, by said sponsoring organization, said credit line to said customer while said customer is at said location; and

activating said credit line as part of a chargeable event at said location.

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73. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer arriving at a predetermined location of a sponsoring organization,

in which the customer has not solicited the line of credit;

offering by said sponsoring organization to the customer, to activate the line of credit while the customer is at the predetermined location; and

activating the line of credit as part of a chargeable event at the predetermined location.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73, in which obtaining an indication comprises:

obtaining a credit card.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, in which the credit card is associated with the line of credit.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, in which the credit card is associated with the customer.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, in which offering comprises:
offering the credit card to the customer.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, in which activating comprises:
activating the credit card.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
transmitting a request for a line of credit for the customer to the credit provider.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79, in which transmitting comprises:
transmitting a request for a credit card for the customer.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79, in which transmitting comprises:
transmitting a request for a credit card account for the customer.

82. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
generating information about the customer.

83. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 82, in which the information comprises a transaction history associated with the customer.

84. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 82, further comprising:
transmitting the information about the customer to the credit provider.

85. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
receiving a reservation for future services from the customer.
86. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
creating a data record indicating a credit status for the customer.
87. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
providing at least one incentive to the customer to make a purchase at the
predetermined location.
88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73, in which the
chargeable event is a purchase.
89. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
transmitting an indication of a guarantee for an amount in excess of the line
of credit.
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91. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 73, further comprising:
transmitting to the credit provider an indication of an amount of credit for
the customer.
92. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 91, in which the line of credit
is based on the amount of credit.
93. (WITHDRAWN) A computer-readable medium storing instructions
configured to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 73.
94. (WITHDRAWN) A device comprising:

a processor; and
the computer-readable medium of claim 93, in communication with the processor.

95. (WITHDRAWN) A device comprising:

means for obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer expected to arrive at a predetermined location;

means for offering to the customer to activate the line of credit for the customer; and

means for activating the line of credit as part of a chargeable event at the predetermined location.

96. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for obtaining credit for a customer comprising the steps of:

obtaining an indication from a credit provider of a line of credit that has been established for a customer who is expected to arrive at a particular location of a sponsoring organization,

in which the line of credit is associated with a credit card account, and

in which the customer has not solicited the line of credit;

then offering, by said sponsoring organization, said credit line to said customer while said customer is at said location; and

activating said credit line as part of a chargeable event at said location, in which the chargeable event is associated with the credit card account.

97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, in which obtaining the indication comprises:

obtaining a credit card.

98. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, in which the credit card is associated with said credit line.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, in which the credit card is associated with said customer.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, in which offering comprises:
offering the credit card to said customer.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, in which activating comprises:
activating the credit card.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
transmitting a request for said credit line to the credit provider.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102, in which transmitting comprises:
transmitting an application for a credit card.

104. (WITHDRAWN)The method of claim 60, further comprising:
generating information about said customer.

105. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, further comprising:
determining whether to transmit the information about said customer to the credit provider based on the information about said customer.

106. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 104, further comprising:
transmitting the information about said customer to the credit provider.

107. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 104, in which the information comprises a transaction history associated with said customer.

108. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
receiving a reservation for future services from said customer.
109. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
creating a data record indicating a credit status for said customer.
110. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
providing at least one incentive to said customer to make a purchase at said
location.
111. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, in which the
chargeable event comprises a purchase.
112. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
transmitting an indication of a guarantee for an amount in excess of said
credit line.
113. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
transmitting to the credit provider an indication of an amount of credit for
the customer.
114. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 113, in which the credit line is
based on the amount of credit.
115. (CANCELLED)
116. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[115]]60, in
which the sponsoring organization is a merchant.
117. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[115]]60, in
which the sponsoring organization is a service provider.

118. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[115]]~~60, in which the customer has scheduled a service with the sponsoring organization.

119. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, in which said location is a retail location.

120. (Previously Presented)) The method of claim 60, in which said location is a hotel.

121. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, in which the customer is expected to arrive at said location to pick up goods dropped off by said customer at said location.